large number of *ad hoc* appointees were appointed to Grade IV and were given retrospective seniority from dates of continuous officiation. This led to the direct recruits being assigned later dates of senority in the revised Grade IV seniority list. As directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the promotions to grade III made between 1974 and 1983 were also reviewed on he basis of the revised seniority list and a fresh promotion list was prepared. This resulted in the direct recruits, earlier promoted to grade III from certain dates, being either given later dates of promotion to Grade III or retained in the Grade IV seniority (but protected from reversion from Grade III etc. posts held by them). Further promotions were made to Grade III between 1986 and 1989 and to JAG between 1986 and 1988 on the basis of the revised Grade IV and Grade III seniority lists. But during the period September 1989 to April 1992, cases for regular promotion to Grade III and JAG could not be processed due to orders of the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Delhi Bench and the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Pratap Narain's case. *Ad hoc* promotions to serving officers were allowed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in August 1991 and these have been made. From the aforesaid, it is clear that there is no discriminaton in case of ISS.

Common wage and subsidy policy

4096. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Development Council panel on austerity has recommended a common wage and subsidy policy for the Centre and States;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to evolve any policy for all States and the Centre; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) The National Development Council Committee on Austerity submitted their Report to the Chairman of the National Development Council. The recommendations of the Committeee are being examined.

Implications of missing targets

4097. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 179 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th July, 1992 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for missing targets in infrastructural sectors like petroleum, coal, fertilizer power and steel;

(b) whether missing targets have serious implications for the rest of the economy;

(c) whether Government have fixed responsibilities for this short fall; and

(d) if so, action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The target was missed only for Petroleum and Fertilizers in respect of which the reasons are as given below:

(i) Petroleum — Technical factors such as high Gas-to-oil Ratio and water cut problems.

(ii) Fertilizers — Poor performance of the units in the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) and the

Fertilizers Corporation of India (FCI).

(b) Missing targets have implications for the indigenous output/production which may be reduced.

(c) and (d) Fixation of responsibility for shortfall and taking action in this regard is the administrative jurisdiction of each Ministry/Department and corrective measures are applied to achieve the designated targets.

Reservation for SC|ST officers in ISS

4098. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alas MEEM AFZEL:
DR. BALDEV PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision of reservation for SC/ST Officers in promotions from JTS to STS and onwards for organised Group A Services;

(b) if not why, such reservation is proposed to be given to SC/ST ISS Officers; and

(c) whether Government would take immediate steps to remove this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Reservation for SC/ST Officers is required to be made in promotions from JTS to STS onwards in organised Group 'A' Services when the promotion is made on the basis of seniority subject to fitness. In promotions made on selection basis within Group 'A' to posts which carry ultimate salary of Rs. 5,700 p.m., there is no reservation but a concession is provided in that SC/ST officers who are senior enough in the zone of consideration for promotion so as to be within the number of vacancies for which the select list has to be drawn up, would be included in that list provided they are not considered unfit for promotion. These orders are applicable to ISS also in terms of ISS Rules.

राजीव गांधी की हत्या से संबंधित वीडियो टेप का ठीक किया जाना

@4098. (क) **श्रीमती सत्या बहिन:** क्या **योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विशेष जांच दल, मद्रास के कार्यालय ने 12 फरवरी, 1992 के एक पत्र में भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री श्री राजीव गांधी की हत्या से संबंधित वीडियो टेप के धुंधले पड़ चुके हिस्से को डिजिटल इमेज प्रोसेसिंग द्वारा ठीक करने तथा उसमें सुधार करने के के लिए राष्ट्रीय सूचना विज्ञान केंद्र के अपर निदेशक की सेवायें प्रदान किए जाने के लिए लिखा था ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उक्त अधिकारी ने इसके बारे में अपनी सहमति दे दी थी और उन्हें उनके विभाग के उच्चाधिकारियों द्वारा परेशान किया जा रहा है, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) उक्त कार्य में कितनी प्रगति हुई है ?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री और गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुख राम) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) जी, नहीं । राष्ट्रीय सूचना विज्ञान केंद्र (एनआईसी) के किसी अपर निदेशक ने एस०आई०टी० मद्रास कार्यालय की सहायता करने के लिए

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